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# U.S. European Command: At a Glance

## Mission

U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) executes a full range of multi-domain operations in coordination with Allies and partners to support NATO, deter Russia, enable global operations and counter trans-national threats to defend the homeland forward and fortify Euro-Atlantic security. Should deterrence fail, USEUCOM is prepared to fight alongside Allies and partners to prevail in any conflict.

## Vision

USEUCOM is a combat-ready, war-fighting theater that is postured and ready. We are united with our Allies and partners, prepared to execute the full range of combined and Joint military operations, and capable of delivering decisive battlespace effects at speed, and in all domains.

## Force Presence

USEUCOM is responsible for U.S. military operations across Europe, portions of Asia and the Middle East, the Arctic and Atlantic Ocean. USEUCOM is comprised of more than 80,000 service members. Of the approximately 80,000 service members in Europe, approximate numbers for the following countries are 35,000 in Germany, 12,000 in Italy, 10,000 in the UK, 4,000 in Poland, 2,000 in Spain, 1,000 in Greece, 900 in Norway, and 900 in Romania.

More than 20,000 civilians support the service members for a total of approximately 100,000 personnel in theater who work closely with NATO Allies and partners throughout Europe. The command is one of two U.S. forward-deployed geographic combatant commands headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany. For more information about USEUCOM, visit <https://www.eucom.mil>.

EUCOM stands ready to employ a range of deterrence measures alongside our Allies and partners. We continuously consult with our Allies on deployments and refining plans for all scenarios.

In addition to the forces stationed in Europe, additional forces regularly deploy to various locations in Europe to train with our partners and NATO Allies to improve interoperability and readiness in order to face evolving strategic challenges. However, to ensure operations security, we will not discuss specific timelines for training, operations or deployments.

## Our Forces

### U.S. Air Forces Europe and Africa (USAFE)

**Headquarters: Ramstein Air Base, Germany**

**Mission:** To forward project power across air, space and cyber domains, USAFE defends U.S. interests, demonstrates warfighting readiness and forge strong partnerships in support of USEUCOM and U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) campaign objectives. <https://www.usafe.af.mil/>

### Force Presence:

Currently, there are approximately 200 aircraft assigned to U.S. Air Force in Europe and Air Forces Africa, to include the C-130J Super Hercules, KC-135 Stratotanker, F-35A Lightning II, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-15E Strike Eagle, and F-15C Eagle aircraft. Due to operational security measures, we do not provide exact

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numbers or locations of specific aircraft and personnel.



Additionally, USAFE-AFAFRICA routinely hosts rotational deployments within theater, to include 5th generation fighter, bomber, and reconnaissance aircraft in order to enhance training opportunities with Allies and partners throughout the region. They also routinely support rotational bomber, fighter, aerial-refueling, and airlift aircraft through Bomber Task Force deployments and Dynamic Force Employments. U.S. Air Force aircraft and Airmen regularly deploy to various locations in Europe to train with our partners and NATO Allies in order to improve interoperability and readiness.

**U.S. Army Europe and Africa  
(USAREUR-AF) Headquarters: Wiesbaden,  
Germany**

**Mission:** USAREUR-AF's ready, lethal and combat-credible forces are strategically positioned across USEUCOM's 51-country area of responsibility to deter aggression and reassure America's Allies and partners of the U.S. commitment to peace and stability in Europe. <https://www.eur.army.mil/>

**Force Presence:**

USAREUR-AF rotational forces are deliberate and defensive in nature and allow us to remain agile and flexible with our NATO Allies to address the complex and dynamic security environment in which we operate. Additionally, our permanently assigned forces are postured to support global operations and provide the strategic access vital to meet our NATO commitments to respond to threats against our Allies.

USAREUR-AF supports U.S. military operations in Europe and Africa, to include regular [Atlantic Resolve](#) deployments and training in Poland, Lithuania, Romania, Germany, the Netherlands, and Greece. Forces throughout Europe are made up of the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command; U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa; 7th Army Training Command; 21st Theater Sustainment Command; 56th Artillery Command; three Area Support Groups; and two battle groups in support of NATO missions.

Current rotational forces consist of the Division Headquarters (Forward), under V Corps, located in Poznan, Poland, filled by elements of the 1st Infantry Division; a combat aviation brigade, currently the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division; and an armored brigade combat team, currently the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.

**U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa (NAVEUR/NAVAF)  
Headquarters: Naples, Italy**

**Mission:** NAVEUR/NAVAF conducts the full range of naval operations at the operational and tactical levels, in concert with NATO Allies, partners and joint forces, to support U.S. interests, deter and, if necessary, defeat aggression. NAVEUR/NAVAF will maintain all-domain access across USEUCOM's area of operations, provide support to NAVCENT and NAVNORTH operations and promote security and stability in these regions. <https://www.c6f.navy.mil/>

**Force Presence:**

U.S. Naval Forces Europe currently has forces operating in the Mediterranean Sea and Adriatic Sea. The U.S. Navy, along with NATO allies and partners, is committed to maintaining freedom of navigation in international waters for all nations.

NAVEUR/NAVAF maintains regular rotational forces that operate in the theater throughout the year. These include: Forward Deployed Naval Forces-Europe (FDNF-E) guided-missile destroyers (DDG) based in Rota,



Spain; P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft; construction and expeditionary personnel; and Military Sealift Command USNS ships. The U.S. Navy routinely deploys carrier strike groups, amphibious ready groups,



submarines, and independently deployed ships to the Sixth Fleet theater. These deployments are previously scheduled and are not in response to specific events.

The USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Carrier Strike Group is conducting a routine deployment demonstrating the commitment and power projection capability of the Navy's globally-deployed force.

U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet, SIXTHFLT, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa.

### **U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa (MARFOREUR/AF)**

**Headquarters: Stuttgart, Germany**

**Mission:** The US Marine Corps continues to play a pivotal role in the nation's defense. In addition to the Marine Corps' historical connection to the Pacific, and recent support to post-9/11 contingency operations throughout Central Asia, the Marine Corps has a long standing storied relationship with Europe and Africa. The famous stand at Belleau Wood outside Paris in 1918, the Cold War-era Northern Flank mission in Norway, and the even deeper historical connection to Northern Africa, uniquely connect Marines to both continents. The current challenging security environment, with a revanchist Russia and always-dynamic Africa, requires a flexible amphibious option. The US Marine Corps, working with sister US services and NATO partners, is in a unique position to provide this leadership and depth. <https://www.marforeur.marines.mil/>

#### **Force Presence:**

There are thousands of Marines operating and training throughout Europe and Africa, with capabilities ranging the full spectrum of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force, ready to deploy at a moments' notice. Due to operational security measures, we do not provide exact numbers or locations of personnel.

MARFOREUR Marine Rotational Force Europe (MRFE) regularly operates throughout Europe for exercises and training. In addition thousands of Marine from II Marine Expeditionary Force support the biannual Cold Response taking place again this year in Norway.

### **U.S. Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR)**

**Headquarters: Stuttgart, Germany**

**Mission:** SOCEUR employs special operations forces across USEUCOM's area of responsibility to enable deterrence, strengthen European security, collective capabilities and interoperability as well as to counter transnational threats to protect U.S. personnel and interests across Europe. <https://www.socom.mil/soceur>

#### **Force Presence:**

Special Operations Command Europe is uniquely postured to galvanize our relationship with Allies and partners to counter malign influence, build interoperability, rapidly respond to emerging threats and if necessary, defeat aggression.

SOCEUR participates in multiple exercises within Europe throughout the year not only with the NATO Allies, but important partners, providing an option to commanders allowing for discreet mission sets in any condition, climate and terrain.

Due to operational security concerns, we cannot disclose the specific number of personnel. Training with our Ukrainian partners cultivates trust, fortifies readiness, and develops relationships, which in turn promotes



peace and stability throughout Europe.